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August Precipitation Over the Great Lakes

As a percentage of the long-term August average:

Great Lakes Basin	100%
Lake Erie (including Lake St. Clair)	100%
Lake Superior	117%
Lakes Michigan-Huron	92%

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Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Water Levels

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Levels decline on all Lakes except Lake Superior during August

Daily water levels on all lakes, except Lake Superior, declined during August. Lake Superior levels continued to rise during August, but the lake is likely near the end of it seasonal rise. Levels on Lake Superior are expected to remain steady during September, while levels on lakes Michigan-Huron, St. Clair, Erie and Ontario are expect to continue their seasonal decline.

The August 2004 edition of the Monthly Water Level Bulletin available at: http://chswww.bur.dfo.ca/danp/ includes the forecast for the period September 2004 through February 2005. Since actual water levels will likely fall somewhere within the probable ranges provided, below average water level conditions will most likely continue on lakes Superior and Michigan-Huron throughout the forecast period. Levels on these lakes will probably remain higher than they were one year ago but we will need to wait and see by just how much.

Interested readers can track water levels as they change from day to day by visiting the Water Levels and Related Great Lakes Data page at: http://www.on.ec.gc.ca/water/levels/intro.html and choosing from the selection of links provided under the "Current and recent water level data" heading. While you are on-line, be sure try some of the other links provided. They lead to a number of informative Great Lakes data websites.

Great Lakes Water Level Information

	August Monthly Mean Level		Beginning of September Level	
Lake	Compared to Monthly Average (1918-2002)	Compared to One Year Ago	Compared to Beginning-of-Month Average (1918-2002)	Compared to One Year Ago
Superior	13 cm below	13 cm above	12 cm below	16 cm above
Michigan-Huron	26 cm below	31 cm above	25 cm below	32 cm above
St. Clair	4 cm below	20 cm above	2 cm below	23 cm above
Erie	5 cm above	12 cm above	7 cm above	16 cm above

Ontario	14 cm above	3 cm above	13 cm above	7 cm above
Lake Ontario	94%			

Note: These figures are preliminary.

August Outflows From the Great Lakes

As a percentage of the long-term August average:

Lake Superior	97%
Lake Erie	100%
Lake Huron	90%
Lake Ontario	108%

Note: These figures are preliminary.

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The International Lake Ontario - St. Lawrence River Study

The Study is in the middle of the fourth year of a five-year mandate to look at how the regulation of water levels can affect some of the most vital interests in the Lake Ontario - St. Lawrence River system. The Study Board will report its findings to the International Joint Commission in 2005.

The Study's Public Interest Advisory Group (PIAG) continues to hold public meetings to provide an update on the progress of the Study and consult with interested individuals and groups on how changing water levels could affect communities that depend on the system.

The following public meetings are scheduled for mid-September. All meeting have a 7:00 p.m. start time.

September 15th
Ramada Inn,
805 Brookdale Ave.,
Cornwall, Ont.
and
Cutter's Restaurant,
6483 Catchpole
Shore Road,
North Rose, N.Y.

September 16th
The Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club,
1350 Bord-du-lac,
Montréal, Que.
and
Greece Town Hall,
1 Vince Tofany Blvd,
Greece, N.Y.

September 17th
Hôtel des Gouverneurs,
975 Hart Street,
Trois-Rivières, Que.
and
Olcott Fire Hall,
1691 Lockport-Olcott Road,
Olcott, N.Y.

For more information regarding any of these events, or to register your attendance, please contact:

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Open House Reminder

The International Niagara Board of Control will hold an open house during the evening of Wednesday, September 22, 2004 at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 120 Church Street, Buffalo, N.Y. The open house is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. For additional information, please contact Len Falkiner at: (905) 336-4947.

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